

REMARKS

Claims 6-7 and 15-35 are now pending. Applicant has canceled claims 1-5, 8-14, and 36-51 and amended claims 6, 24, and 35.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 15-23 and 25-34. The Examiner has also indicated that claims 6-7 are directed to allowable subject matter. As the Examiner has suggested, applicant has amended these claims to include the features of the claims from which they depend.

The Examiner has rejected claims 24 and 35 as under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter. Although applicant disagrees, applicant has amended these claims to recite a "computer-readable storage medium." Support for this amendment can be found in paragraph 28 of applicant's specification. Since the Examiner indicated that claims 24 and 35 are directed to allowable subject matters (Office Action, May 24, 2006, p. 17), applicant respectfully submits that claims 24 and 35 are now in condition for allowance.

Based on the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 418268789US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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